

IDS - 12/02/2003

PTO/SB/08A (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2008. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO		Complete if Known	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use as many sheets as necessary)		Application Number	10/726,239
		Filing Date	
		First Named Inventor	Ben Locher
		Art Unit	
		Examiner Name	
Sheet 1 of 12	Attorney Docket Number	P-7955	

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
VSD		US- 2,982,355	05-02-1961	Rodgers	
		US- 5,040,608	08-20-1991	Doan	
		US- 5,450,897	09-19-1995	Brown	
		US- 5,915,475	06-29-1999	Wells, et al	
		US- 6,183,225 B1	02-06-2001	Thompson	
		US- 6,135,203	10-24-2000	McAnally	
		US- 6,099,274	09-08-2000	Conn	
		US- 1,765,864	07-19-1929	P.C. Corey	
		US- 2,002,140	08-19-1932	S.V. Dillon	
		US- 2,119,763	06-07-1938	R.A. Wilson	
		US- 1,303,091	05-06-1919	P.H. Mack	
		US- 3,066,738	12-04-1962	W.D. Myers	
		US- 3,069,824	07-09-1963	C.C. Brown	
		US- 215,951	05-27-1879	J.M. May	
		US- 278,751	06-05-1883	J. Shaw	
		US- 2,885,968	05-12-1959	H.H. Wagner	
		US- 1,574,922	03-02-1926	S.T. Nelson	
		US- 2,368,400	01-30-1945	R.C. Baker	
VSD		US- 2,368,928	02-06-1945	C.M. King	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear
		Country Code ³ * Number * Kind Code ⁴ (if known)			

Examiner Signature	/Vikansha Dwivedi/	Date Considered	09/18/2006
-----------------------	--------------------	--------------------	------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 801.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

KRH
10-30-06